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IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please add the following paragraph after existing paragraph [0014] and re-number all succeeding paragraphs accordingly:

[0015] Figure 1(c) shows schematically an interlocking mechanism that prevents mounting of the housing cover without the abutment.

Please edit existing paragraph [0033] as follows:

[0033] Simple warning means may be included, such as a window 87 in the cover which makes the present or absence of the abutment apparent or a resilient tongue 89 which extends radially inwardly from the peripheral wall of the cover or base to scrape audibly against the rotor unless deflected away therefrom by the abutment, that is, remain silent when the abutment means is in place.

Please edit existing paragraph [0034] as follows:

[0034] Alternatively, more complex interlock may be provided that inhibits operation of the centrifugal separator without the abutment. Such an interlock may take the form of a valve (not shown) which is linked to the presence of the abutment adjacent the body to permit liquid to be supplied to the spindle passage, or if the valve 80 is included, such interlock may require the presence of the abutment adjacent the body to permit the valve to be moved from diversion to through-flow status using, for example, a position switch 85, as shown in Figure 1(c). The interlock may alternatively or additionally take a form that inhibits attachment of the cover to the base in the absence of the abutment. For example, the base may carry a resilient member extending at least in part radially outwardly so that it prevents the cover from moving into engagement with the base, which member has a radially inwardly directed component upon which force is exerted by installation of the abutment to deflect member out of the path of the cover. These should be considered as exemplary only and may be used

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alone or in conjunction with each other or other methods within the knowledge of the skilled practitioner.